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Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendments in the above-mentioned application.

In the Claims:

Please add the following claims:

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91. A nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1-3 and 34, wherein the nucleotide sequence comprises a functional regulatory region.

92. The nucleic acid of claim 91, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO: 1.

93. The nucleic acid of claim 91, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO: 2.

94. The nucleic acid of claim 91, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO: 3.

95. The nucleic acid of claim 91, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO: 34.

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